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have been written on Nyasaland, but none gives a more vivid impression than this work of the country or of the transformation in progress there.

Around the Caribbean and Across Panama. By C. Nicholas. Pp. 373, with maps and half tones. H. M. Caldwell Company, Boston and New York.

Dr. Nicholas visited nearly all the lands around the Caribbean, exploring the gold regions, timber lands, rubber forests, and other resources of the tropics in the interest of an American company. He tramped, canoed, and rode along the rivers; through dense jungles, over high mountains and across the savannahs, and especially made the acquaintance of all phases of wild life from Honduras to Bogotá. His very readable book is not so much a description of these countries as the story of incidents and adventures of the road. He says the resources are enormous, and, with the beginning of work on the Panama Canal, a great impetus will be given to all this region. The narrative of his long wanderings will certainly give to those expecting to visit the Caribbean lands a vivid idea in many respects of the conditions and circumstances they will meet. Many of the illustrations are of unusual excellence. The account of the author's visit to the little-known Goajira Indians of Columbia is, from the standpoint of the geographer, the most valuable feature of the book.

Australia and Oceanica. Selected by F. D. Herbertson and edited by A. J. Herbertson. Pp. 221, half-tone illustrations, index and bibliography. Adam & Charles Black, London, 1903. (Price 2s. 6d.)

This is the sixth little volume in the series of "Descriptive Geographies from Original Sources." Each volume is devoted to typical aspects of a continent; its life, phenomena, and industrial phases are depicted by writers who describe what they themselves have observed. This is geography at first hand. The compilers of the book have, on the whole, critically selected its contents, and so well covered all typical and conspicuous features of the regions treated that it is really a compendium of many things that are best worth remembering of their geography and people. The book is more entertaining and authoritative than most geographical readers; at the same time it may be questioned if it might not have been well to exclude some of the material as not of a sufficiently high standard.